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CRAM COURSE NO. 4: BATHYMETRY

Continuing our series of prefinal exam cram courses, today we take up bathymetry—the study of ocean depths.

Admittedly, this is not a terribly popular course on most campuses. And small wonder. In the whole world there is only one bathymetry, and only two people can get into it.

Nevertheless, the study of ocean depths is of great importance. Why, do you realize that the "o" as in *o* for the world's largest linguistic environment? The ocean has more than three hundred times as much living forms as all the rainforests and islands combined? Unfortunately, only fishes live in it.

And small wonder. What's want to live near places where he couldn't smoke? Surely not I? I wouldn't give up my good Marlboro Cigarettes for the Atlantic and the Pacific just because. Nothing could induce me to forsake Marlboro's fine molasses flavor. Marlboro's, class, while Bill, Marlboro's Rip-top has that really, rip, Marlboro's soft pack that's really soft. Let us now return to the questions depths. Me, I will stick with my Marlboro and the five quart I share with a tyro.

But I digress. Back to the ocean. The largest, as we know, is the Pacific, which was discovered by Balboa, a Spaniard of great vision. To give you an idea of Balboa's vision, he first saw the Pacific while standing on a peak in Darien, which is in Connecticut.

Even more extraordinary, when Balboa reached San Francisco, he clearly saw the Hawaiian Islands! Being, as we know, a friendly man, Balboa went directly to the Hawaiians and shouted, "I met little people you got here, huh?" The Hawaiians, also, as we know, friendly men, waved back, displayed a ball baton, signalled a hint, built a chair for her over which they prepared several millions of psi, a smoking jet, and Captain Cook. This, of course, was the origin of looking.

But I digress. The Pacific, I say, is the largest ocean and also the deepest. The

Mindanao Trench, off the Philippines, measures more than 10,000 fathoms in depth. (It should be pointed out here that ocean depths are measured in fathoms—lengths of six feet—after the Walter Fathoms, a noted British sea measure of the seventeenth century who, upon his twenty-first birthday, was given a string six feet long with which he used to go measuring all over England measuring no matter what he was around for looking. A position for measuring seems to have got in the family; Fathoms's name, by the way, being, upon all his sailing boats generating more yards until Charles II had him beheaded in honor of the opening of the London School of Economics.)

But I digress. Let us, as the poet Mandelstam said, go down to the sea again. (The sea, historically, have ever been a favorite subject for poets and com-



What went is love time?

poets.) Why does not remember Tommy's "Send, send, send" to the Breeze's "Roll on, deep dark and deep blue seas, roll!" Or the many lovely sea choruses that have enriched our folk music—songs like "Sailing Through Rensselaer" and "I'll Be Back Your Earth If You'll Be Back Mine" and "The Artificial Impassioned Poet." My own, perhaps too, clearly goes like this: A girl loved a sailor and he did not let her, And she did weep and wail: Until she found a perfect fish.

And a perfect made—Marlboro! Fine, too, sing in, now remembering—sing, long love and never and patient, long love and love and love is like, And don't forget the matches! © Leo Burnett Company

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